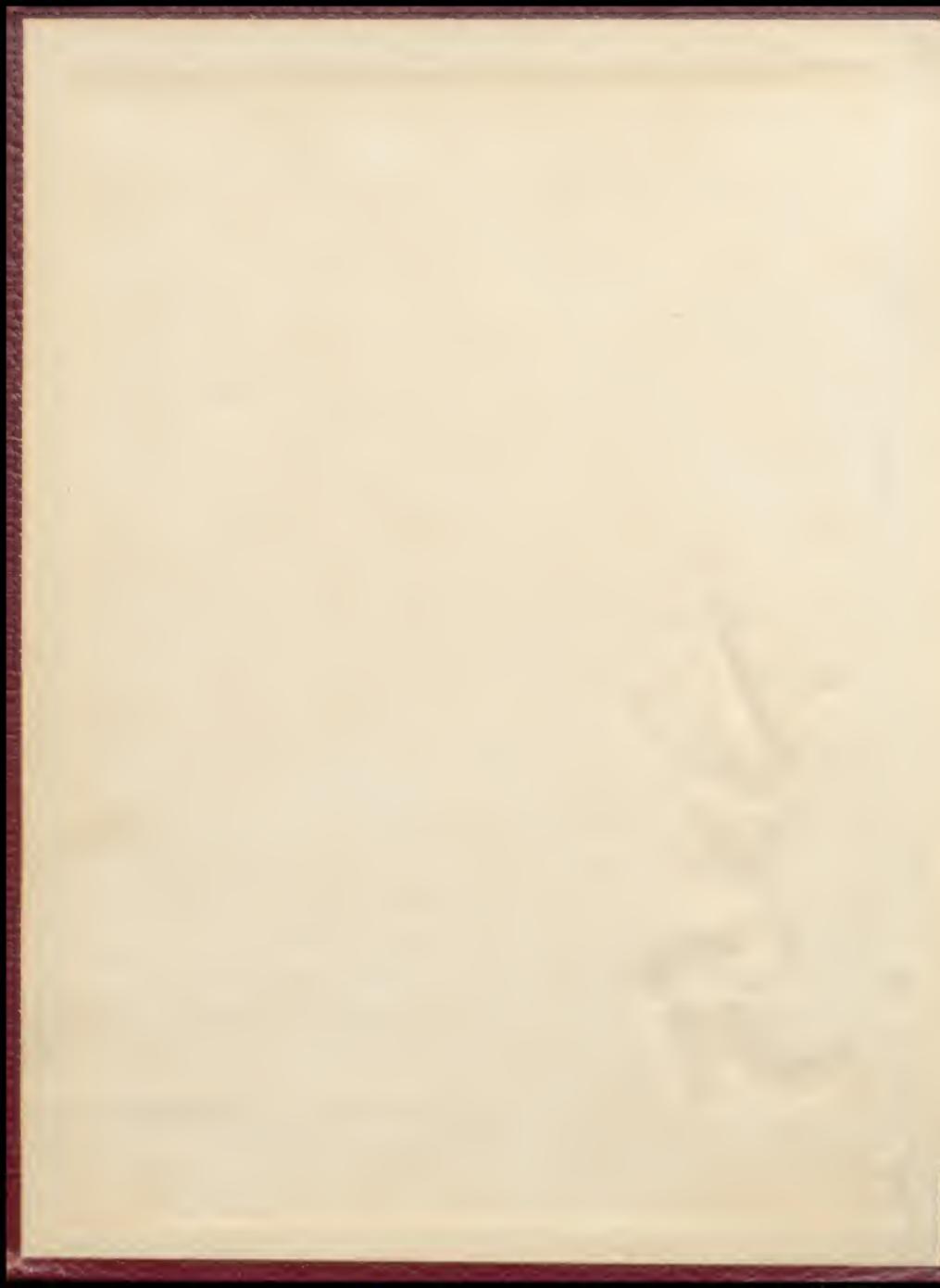


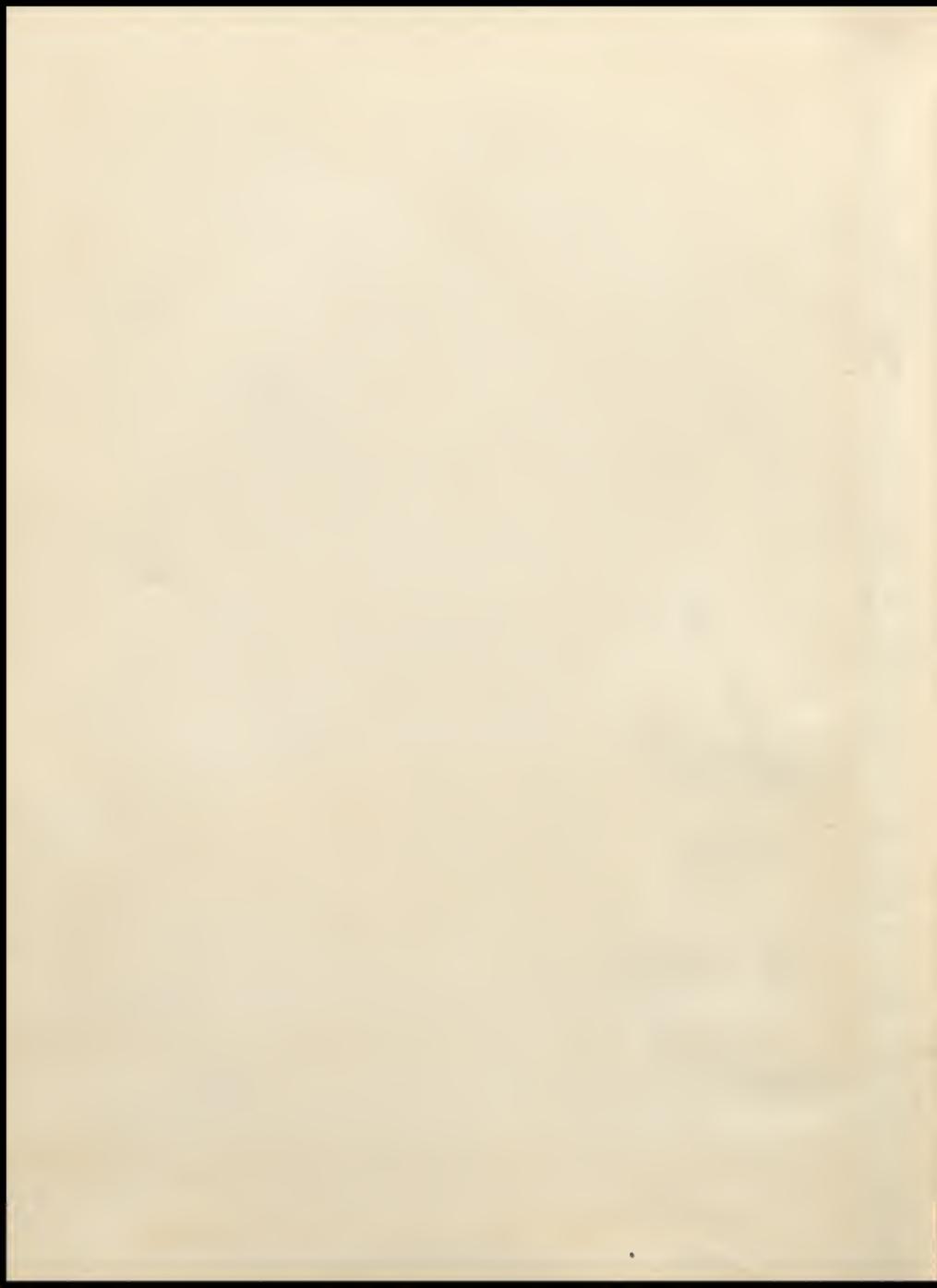
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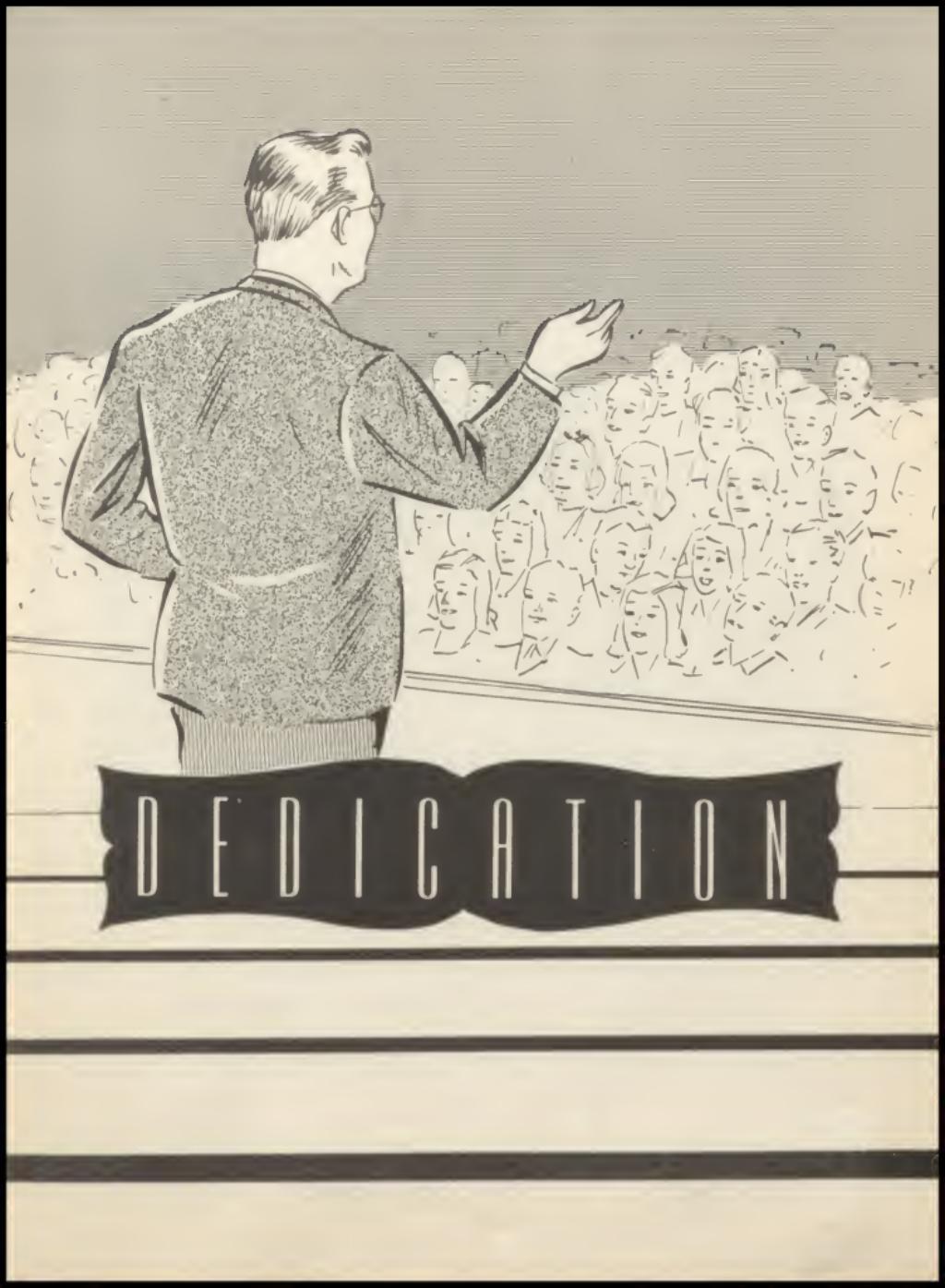


THE LEGEND









DEDICATION





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To the students and parents of Portage Township goes our deepest appreciation, as we hereby dedicate the 1948 Legend to them, that they may continue to expand and increase the accomplishments and successes of our own Portage High School.





F A C U L T Y



HEBER WINEBRENNER  
Principal

EDWARD A. ANDERSON  
Social Studies

MARY ELLEN AULT  
Home Economics

JUNE BAYS  
Home Economics

MARGARET BAIRD  
Commercial

WILLIAM FEGLEY  
Industrial Arts

GRAYSTON GURTNER  
Librarian, Math

ETHEL RANDS JONES  
Latin, English





**PLACIDA KOELZER**  
Physical Education

**AGNES ROYER LONG**  
Science, Math

**LOWELL LONG**  
Science, Music

**GEORGE L. MYERS**  
Music

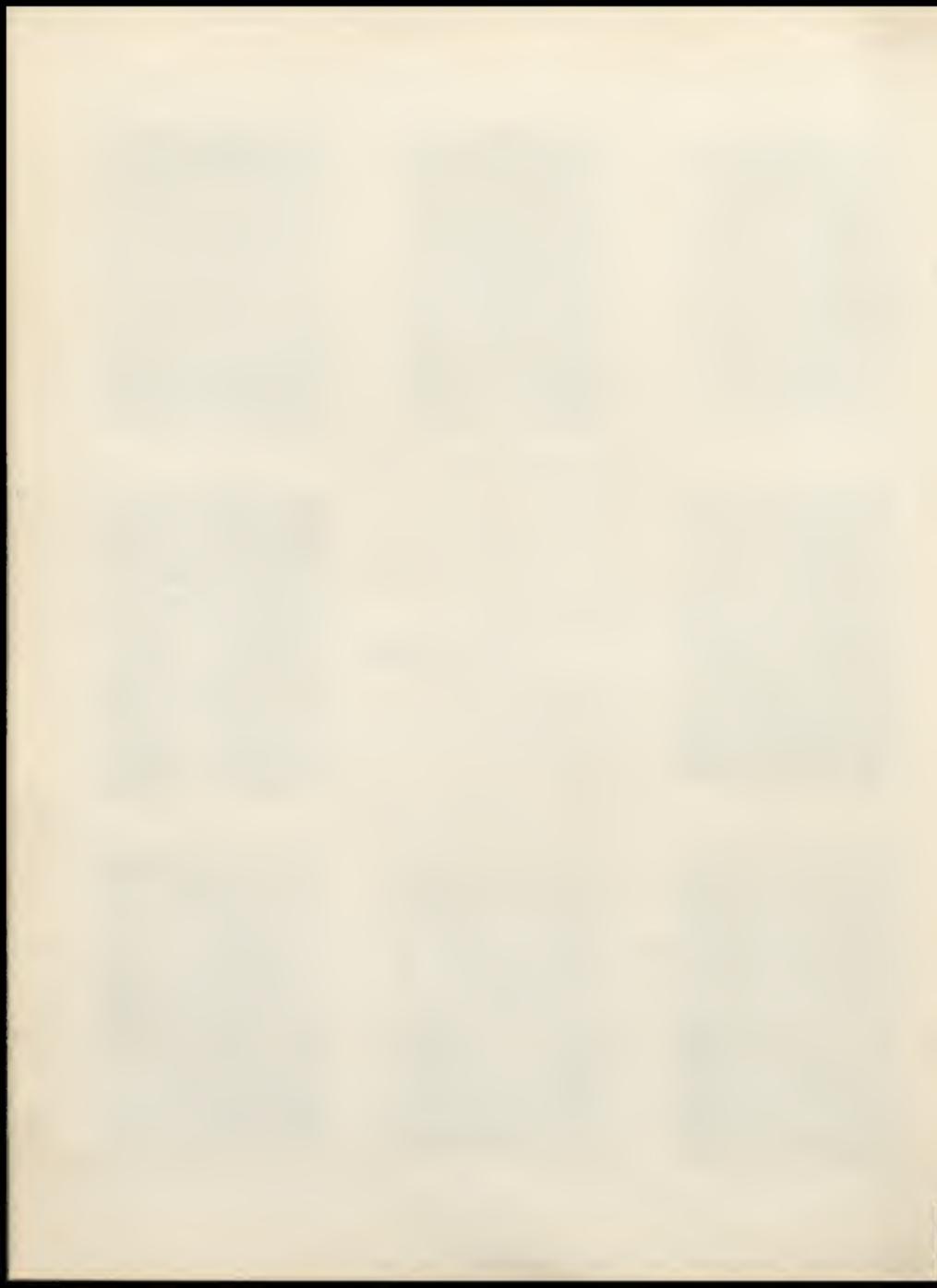
**ZOE M. SHRINER**  
Math, English

**DEAN SNIDER**  
Physical Education

**MELVIN TAYLOR**  
Social Studies  
Coach

**BETTY WITTE**  
Spanish, Speech







SENIORS

## CLASS PROPHECY

Lin Crick is now making his living as a crystal gazer. This is what he sees the Senior class of '48" doing twenty years later.

Philip Philips, after working years in the attic of his home cutting and tearing apart insects and animals, is now working in the Amputating Hospital as official Amputator.

Delores Comer, head nurse of the Portor County Hospital, has been promoted to Superintendant of the Logansport Hospital.

Kenny Clem, the F. B. I man who captured the country's greatest criminal known as the "Flying Spider," is taking a vacation in California with his wife, the former June Ayers, and their two children, Kenny, Jr. and Penelope.

Marion Hockelberg, although she has tried often to get a job as a singer with a name band, has only gotten as far as singing a commercial on the "Dippy Dappy Dippy Berry Program."

John Kunstek, after working 20 years as a mechanic, has finally found the work too complicated for his mental ability and is now going to be a filling station attendant.

Lois Johnson just received an orchid from Tom Brennan's Breakfast Club in Hollywood for being the best mother. She takes care of all the children in the neighborhood while the mothers do their shopping.

Sam Bowles just bought a 1968 Hudson, but while driving home; he decided the motor was too quiet, so he drove to the side of the road and overhauled the motor. Now his neighbors know when he is coming home in his new car!

Jeanne Warwick is the official interpreter of Russia, only because she is working out a plan so as to destroy Russia.

The crowd that gathered around Johnston's scientist hall thought the man tearing and pulling his hair out was a crazy man, but discovered it was Clyde who was perfecting his latest invention, "The Mechanical Spy."

Joan Jarosak, better known as Jar-sak, is now trying to get a patent on her original invention of her jars and sacks. The jars don't break and the sacks don't tear.

If you don't like to listen to Jack Benny's jokes, don't be discouraged; turn to the Corny Corn Program and listen to Allen Olson, the Swedish Terror, tell his usual jokes every Monday and Saturday evenings.

Rhoda Niksch is the star of "WE KNOW WE'LL WIN IT," basketball team.

Charles Grimm is now the justice of the peace of Garyton. He picks up speeders and drunkards, but his favorite job is marrying his old classmates.

Anna Russell, world's most famous designer, has just designed Queen Elizabeth's gown for her silver wedding anniversary.

Jim Bannister has taken Snyder's place as editor of the Post. The public expects great improvement in the paper.

Joanne Nelson owns her own little shop which includes mouse traps, steel traps and MAN TRAPS.

## CLASS PROPHECY

Aurelia Phillips has finally achieved her goal in life. She is president of the Garyton Gossip Club; but she also writes a gossip column in the Tribune.

Don Dolan, besides being sports editor of the Daily Times, boxes on the side for extra money.

Harriet Quick is trying to find the right man now that all the eligibles are married. It will have to be the right one this year because it is now 1968.

Eddie Bigler is giving courses on how to develop muscles. He is working along with his students to see what he can do for himself.

Ardith Allis is sweeping the country as the world's greatest crystal gazer. She has to keep moving though so the law don't catch up with her.

Ray Luckey is vacationing in Garyton. He is the director of the famous band, which has been named for him in his honor the "LUCKEY LUCKEY BAND."

Virginia (Cauley) Piatt and Bob now own the Super Duper Motorcycle Company! WARNING: Be sure to look for the motor for they usually forget to put it in.

Jerry Selby, after driving the Tiny Tot Diaper Truck for 20 years has saved enough money to go into business for himself.

Betty Nelson, after being divorced four times, has written a book on "HOW TO MAKE A MARRIAGE SUCCESSFUL."

All the girls run to catch a certain bus every evening after work. REASON: Paul Biddle is the bus driver.

Pat ETHEL BARRYMORE Donaghey has now reached the height of her career as an actress at the age of 68. Her philosophy is "YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN."

Nancye Anderson, the famous Powers Model is now modeling her own clothes.

Benny Marsolek after twenty years has become chief stock boy of Gold-blatts.

Remona McHargue and Dorothy Crowe have risen to the height of their career. You can now see them hanging out of the top floor of Hotel Gary washing windows. "Monie" "vashes" and "Dot" "vipes."

Lois Miller is now back teaching school at Portage. After her third husband she is struggling hard to teach her pupils that marriage is a bad investment.

Phyllis Marshall is now residing in Canada as Mrs. Thorn, the wife of the famous hockey player, Linden Thorn.

Roberta Stevens has just purchased a ranch out West. She is going to convert it into a horse ranch because of her great love for horses.

Art Giese, the handsome Casanova, is still trying to convince Cecil B. De Milles that he should be an actor.

Janet Reich and her husband are touring the United States with their new Buick that Janet won on a quiz program.



**ARDITH ALLIS**

General Course  
Chorus 1-2  
Band 1-2-3-4  
Latin Club 3  
Home Economics Club 3  
Plays:  
    Whistling in the Dark  
    Hobgoblin House  
    Firebug  
Horace Mann High School

**NANCYE ANDERSON**

Commercial Course  
Home Economics Club  
    President 3  
Spanish Club 4  
Press Club 4  
Edmonds High School  
Annual Staff

**JUNE AYERS**

Academic Course  
Chorus 1-2-4  
Class Secretary 3-4  
G. A. A. 2  
    Secretary 3-4  
Latin Club 3  
Spanish Club 4  
Home Economics Club 3  
Booster Club 4  
Press Club 4  
Annual Staff  
    Assistant Editor

**JAMES BANNISTER**

General Course  
Play:  
    Firebug  
Annual Staff  
    Editor-in-Chief  
Edison High School

**PAUL BIDDLE**

General Course

**EDWARD BIGLER**

General Course  
Spanish Club 4  
Basketball 1  
Play:  
    Whistling in the  
    Dark

**SAM BOWLES**

Academic Course  
Band 1-2-3  
Cross Country 4

**VIRGINIA CAULEY**

Vocational Home  
Economics  
Band 1-2-3-4  
Chorus 2-3-4  
Plays:  
    Whistling in the Dark  
    Firebug  
Spanish Club 4  
Home Economics Club 3

**DELORES COMER**

Academic Course  
Cheerleader 4  
Chorus 1-2-3-4  
Student Council 4  
G. A. A. 2-3-4  
Latin Club 3  
Home Economics Club 3  
Press Club 4  
Annual Staff



**LESTER CONNAWAY**

Industrial Arts  
Spanish Club 4  
Chorus 4

**DOROTHY CROWE**

Commercial Course  
Student Council 4  
Chorus 1-2-3-4  
G. A. A. 3  
Treasurer 4  
Press Club 3  
Editor 4  
Booster Club 4  
Home Economics Club 3  
Annual Staff

**MERVYN DELMAGE**

General Course  
Band 1-2-3-4  
Track 1-3  
Basketball 2

**DON DOLAN**

General Course  
Baseball 2-3-4  
Basketball 2  
Press Club 4  
Emerson High School  
Annual Staff

**PATRICIA DONAGHEY**

Academic Course  
Annual Staff  
Chorus 4  
Plays:  
Hobgoblin House  
Firebug  
Mercy High School

**CHARLES GRIMM**

Academic Course  
Baseball 2-3  
Basketball 1-2  
Track 1-2-3  
Plays:  
Whistling in the  
Dark  
Firebug  
Latin Club 3-4  
Cross Country 4

**ROBERT HAGER**

Industrial Arts

**PAUL HENDERSHOTT**

Academic Course  
Band 1-2  
Chorus 3-4  
Play:  
Whistling in the Dark

**MARIAN HOCKELBERG**

Commercial Course  
Chorus 1-2-3-4  
G. A. A. 2  
Home Economics Club  
Secretary 3  
Press Club 3-4  
Booster Club 4  
Annual Staff



**LOIS JOHNSON**

Commercial Course  
Band 4  
Chorus 1-2  
Latin Club 3-4  
Press Club 3-4  
Annual Staff

**CLYDE JOHNSTON**

Academic Course  
Band 1-2-3-4  
Chorus 2-3  
Basketball Manager 2  
Press Club 3-4  
Annual Staff

**RAYMOND LUCKEY**

Academic Course  
Basketball 1-2  
Chorus 3  
Track 1  
Play:  
    Hobgoblin House  
Press Club 2  
Annual Staff  
    Managing Editor  
Student Council 4  
Class President  
    Second Semester 4

**PHYLLIS MARSHALL**

Commercial Course  
Student Council 4  
G. A. A. 2  
    Vice-President 3  
    President 4  
Chorus 1-2-4  
Home Economics Club 3  
Spanish Club 4  
Press Club 3-4  
Play:  
    Firebug  
Booster Club 4  
Annual Staff

**BENEDICT MARSOLEK**

General Course  
Cross Country 4  
Basketball 2  
Spanish Club 4

**REMONA MCHARGUE**

Commercial Course  
Student Council  
    Secretary 3-4  
Chorus 1-2-3-4  
Class Secretary 2  
G. A. A. 2-3-4  
Home Economics Club 3  
Plays:  
    Whistling in the Dark  
    Hobgoblin House  
Press Club 2-3-4  
Annual Staff

**LOIS MILLER**

Academic Course  
Home Economics Club  
    Treasurer 3  
Latin Club 3-4  
Press Club 4  
Chorus 1-2-3  
Band 1-2-3-4  
Play:  
    Whistling in the Dark  
Annual Staff

**BETTY NELSON**

Commercial Course  
G. A. A. 3  
Home Economics Club 3

**JOANNE NELSON**

Academic Course  
Band 2-3-4  
Chorus 1-2-4  
G. A. A. 3  
Latin Club 3-4  
Home Economics Club 3  
Press Club 3  
Play:  
    Firebug



**RHODA NIKSCH**

Vocation Home Economics  
G. A. A. 3-4  
Home Economics Club 3  
Booster Club 4

**ALLEN OLSON**

Academic Course  
Baseball 1-2-3-4  
Basketball 1-2-3-4  
Track 1-2-3-4  
Cross Country 4  
Band 1-2-3  
President 4  
Latin Club 4  
Chairman 3  
Press Club 3  
Assistant Editor 4  
Play:  
Hobgoblin House

**AURELIA PHILLIPS**

Commercial Course  
Band 1-2-3-4  
Chorus 1-2-3  
Student Council 3-4  
Home Economics Club 3  
Play:  
Hobgoblin House  
Press Club 2-3  
Annual Staff  
Sales Manager

**PHILIP PHILIPS**

Academic Course  
Basketball 1-2  
Band 1-2  
Chorus 3-4  
Student Council 3-4  
Plays:  
Whistling in the Dark  
Hobgoblin House  
Firebug  
Annual Staff  
Advertising Manager

**HARRIET QUICK**

Commercial Course  
Chorus 1-2-4  
Plays:  
Hobgoblin House  
Whistling in the Dark  
Press Club 3-4  
Home Economics Club 3  
Booster Club 4  
Annual Staff

**JANET REICH**

Commercial Course  
Booster Club 4  
Spanish Club 4

**ROBERT RIPPERDAN**

Academic Course  
Class President 3-4  
Treasurer 2  
Band 1-2-3  
Vice-President 4  
Play:  
Hobgoblin House  
Student Council 3-4  
Basketball 3  
Baseball 2-3  
Annual Staff

**ANNA RUSSELL**

Vocational Home  
Economics  
Home Economics Club 3  
Spanish Club 4

**GERALD SELBY**

General Course



**LINDEN THORN**

Academic Course  
Baseball 1-2  
Basketball 1-2  
Band 1-2-4  
Class Vice-President  
Track 2  
Play:  
    Firebug  
Wapella High School  
Annual Staff

**ROBERTA STEVENS**

Vocational Home Economics  
Home Economics Club 3  
Booster Club 4  
Wirt High School

**JEANNE WARWICK**

Academic Course  
Spanish Club 4  
Home Economics Club 3  
G. A. A. 3-4  
Chorus 1-2  
Press Club 4  
Band 1-2-3-4  
Play:  
    Hobgoblin House  
Booster Club 4

**JOAN JAROSAK**

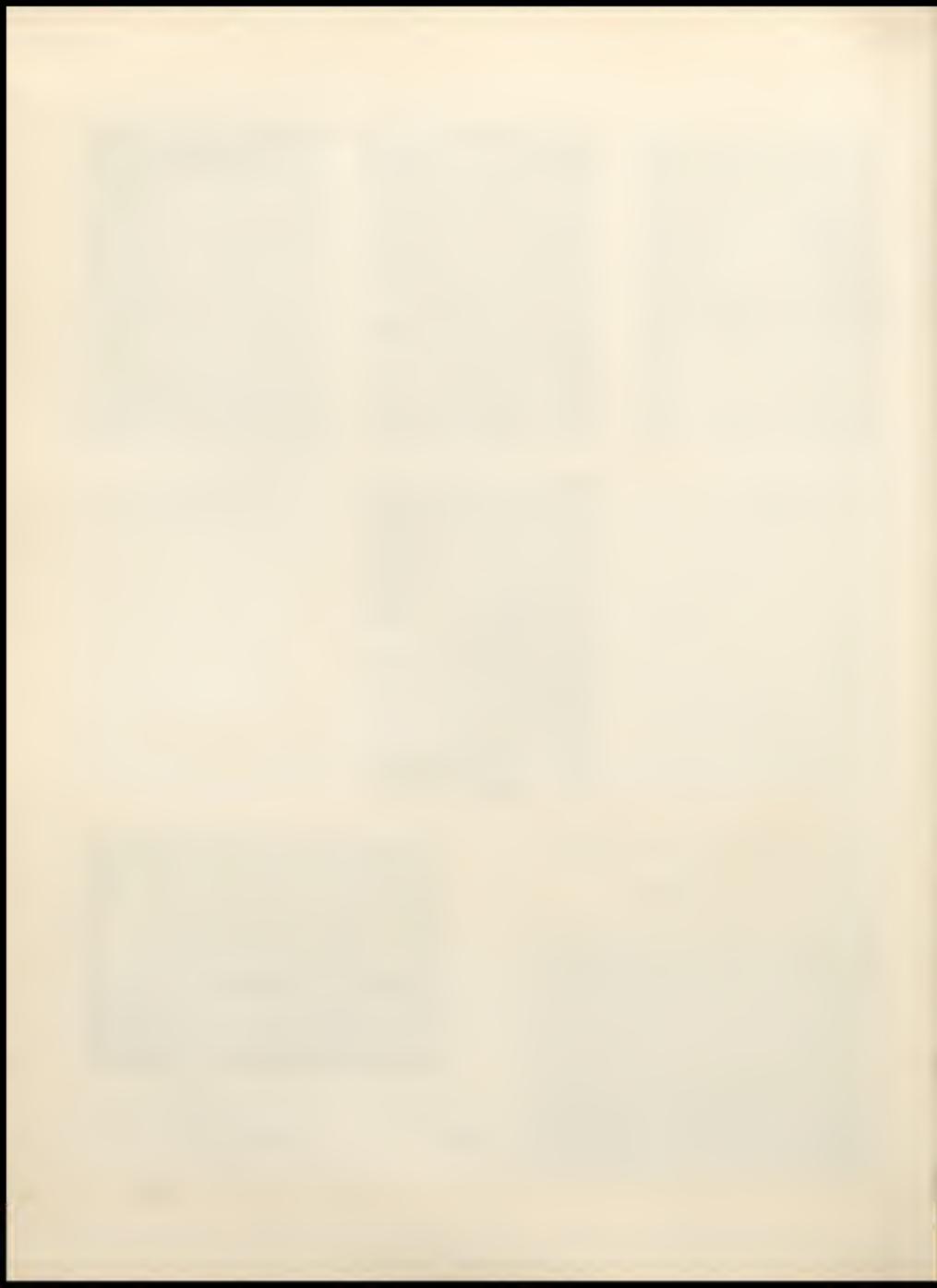
Vocational Home Economics  
Booster Club 4  
Home Economics Club 3  
Chorus 4  
Press Club 4  
Lew Wallace High School

**FIRST SEMESTER CLASS OFFICERS**

Linden Thorn, vice-president  
June Ayers, secretary  
Miss Ault, sponsor  
Robert Ripperdan, president  
Mr. Taylor, sponsor  
Kenneth Clem, treasurer

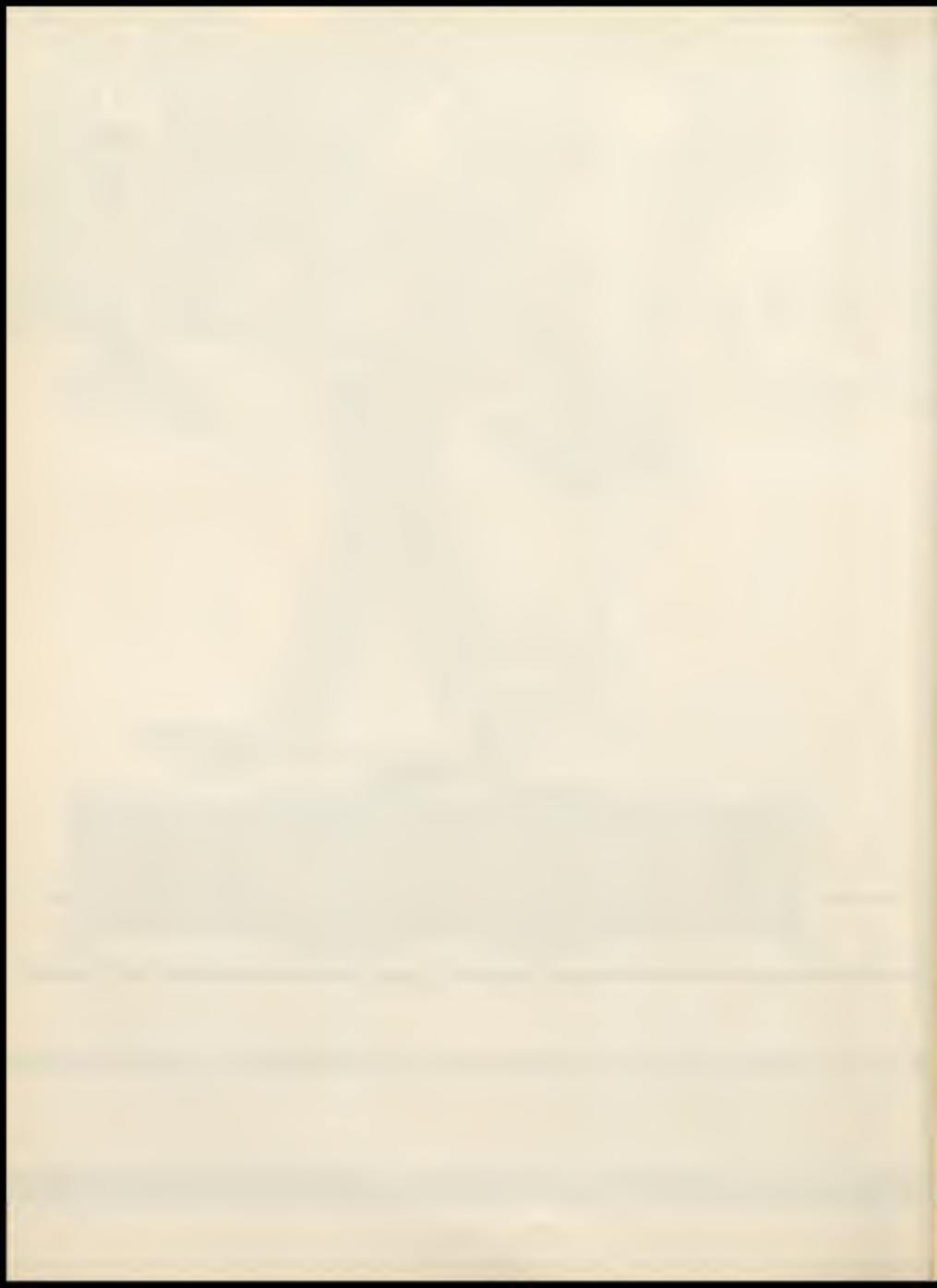
**SECOND SEMESTER CLASS OFFICERS**

Mr. Taylor, sponsor  
June Ayers, secretary  
Philip Philips, vice-president  
Kenneth Clem, treasurer  
Miss Ault, sponsor  
Raymond Luckey, president





U N D E R G R A D S





FLOYD ANDERSON



PATRICK ANDERSON



HOWARD ARNOLD



LOUISE AXTELL



ARTHUR BLOHM



EUGENE BRADFORD



DONALD CAIN



MARJORIE COBURN



DORIS ANN COLLINS



JEANINE COMER



BONNIE COOPER



GEORGE DAVID



JACLYN FARRY



RUTH FOREMAN



GLADYS FRUM



WILLIAM GILBERT



RAY GILBERT



SHIRLEY GOIN



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PATRICIA HOLMES



MADELYN HOLTZ



JOHN JENNINGS



MARGUERITE JOLLY



SUE KERSEG



EDWARD KIDWELL



MARLENE LINDER



VIVIAN LENBURG



CAROL MASCHER



NORENE METZCUS



DONALD MOORE



ROBERT MULLEN



KATHLEEN MURRAY



RICHARD PITTEL



JUANITA PITTS



JACK PRIMICH



CHARLES REARDON



MARGARET RUSSELL



PATRICIA SANBORN



AGNES SKIBA



JEAN SMITH



JOAN SMITH



NANCY STARKEY



MELVIN STANTON



ETHEL STRAIN



RODALIN SWITZER



DELORES TIMMERMAN



WANDA TROSTLE



ELSIE WALTERS



CORTIE WILSON



WILLIAM WILSON



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Mrs. Witte, sponsor; Melvin Stanton, president;  
Ethel Strain, secretary; Robert Mullen, treasurer;  
Mr. Gurtner, sponsor; Wanda Trostle, vice-president.

## CLASS OFFICERS



SOPHOMORES

Mr. Snider, Mrs. Jones, sponsors;  
Charles Metcuss, vice-president;  
Wayne Olson, president; John  
Sistanich, secretary-treasurer.



FRESHMEN

Mr. Fegley, Miss Bays, sponsors;  
Lawrence Brown, vice-president;  
William Yakovetz, president; Verne  
Nelson, secretary; William Selby,  
treasurer.



EIGHTH

Mr. Myers, Mrs. Baird, sponsors;  
Gwendolyn Scherer, vice-pres-  
ident; Rob Roy Bannister, pres-  
ident; Oscar Jolly, secretary-  
treasurer.



SEVENTH

Mr. Long, Miss Shriner, sponsors;  
Jim Blair, vice-president; Milton  
Carlson, president; Shirley Har-  
desty, treasurer.



## SOPHOMORES

**First Row:** Mrs. Jones, sponsor; Richard Mathias, Peggy Switzer, Thelma Keller, Ardyce Anderson, Nancy Huff, Doris Coker, Jo Ellen Farley, Donna Cooley, Louise Johnson and Wayne Connaway.

**Second Row:** Mr. Snider, sponsor; Marilyn McHargue, Kathleen David, Joan Lenburg, Eleanor Anderson, Kathryn Axtell, Henrietta Beyer, Phyllis Schiobohn, Dolores Fenske, Audrey Miller, Carol Timmerman, Bernice Allis and Lola Gilhert.

**Third Row:** Willard Dorman, Carl Wells, Donna Cline, Essie Faye Stiles, Norma Garletts, Barbara Funkey, Carolyn Nicholson, Hester Daubek, Merle Snakenberg, Margaret Bettis, Alice Mascher and Richard Hallman.

**Fourth Row:** Lorraine Reid, Alan Colville, Leo Siawnikowski, Leon Long, Ralph McHargue, Elmer Shultz, Robert Lightfoot, Clifford Prentice, Franklin Mullin, John Sistanich, Warren Lerson and Edward Cmar.

**Fifth Row:** Victor Hager, William Hack, Pantaley Yakovetz, John Kuchta, Robert Warwick, Norbert Marsolek, Robert Peterson, Virgil Crisman, Wayne Olson, Charles Metscus, William Johnson, James Stege, Albert Balas and Carl Nelson.



## FRESHMEN

First Row: Jean Dickson, Thomas Hagen, Sally Smith, Kathryn Bolles, Nadine Russell, Patrick Murray, Donna Harrison, Ruth Ann Bender, Delores Sistanich, Ruth Emerson, Ollie Chambers and Norma Fryar.

Second Row: Miss Bays, sponsor; Peggy Cooper, Patricia Biggs, Beatrice Hagen, Carol Anderson, Evelyn Shauherger, Shirley Metz, Barbara Montgomery, Ruth Laingren, Carol Stokes, Dolores Leeper and Barbara Pasley.

Third Row: Mr. Fegley, sponsor; Jean Smock, Marilyn Weber, Arlene Predmore, Sharon Smith, Lorna Simonson, Marion Comer, Jack Moore, Robert Cooper, James Mitchell, Dale Pennington and Carl Cauley.

Fourth Row: Odgen Nickerson, William Yakovetz, David Sam, Daniel Haxton, Tommy Carpenter, James Scofield, Brian Blair, David Mathias, Raymond Ingram, Charles Kimmet, Peter Sash, Eugene Hardesty and Don Millender.

Fifth Row: Lorelie Sodemann, June Mongold, Marvin Guernsey, Donald Black, Clarence Carlisle, Robert Conners, Edward Butler, Douglas Chambers, Edward Jennings, Donald Morris, Lawrence Brown, Verne Nelson, Forrest McHargue, William Selby and Fred Oswald.



## EIGHTH GRADE

**First Row:** Mrs. Baird, sponsor; Delores Trembicki, Gwendolyn Scherger, Carol Gottlieb, Geraldine Kimmett, Twyla Lute, Mary Jones, Madelyn Rice, Karen Phillips, Patricia English, Charles Gibson, Howard Gauger and Jerome Koritko.

**Second Row:** Mr. Myers, sponsor; Shirley Connaway, Elaine Fenake, Roberta Pollite, Mary Lou Schaeferger, Ruth Jones, Marilyn Emerson, Virginia Anderson, Shirley Russell, Beverly Crossman, Tom Tittle, Donald Garrett and Arnold Henig.

**Third Row:** Barbara Anderson, La Vau Brown, Catherine Cobble, Barbara Jacob, Mary Axell, Mary Strain, Ruth Yager, Mary Laingren, Betty Donaghay, Evelyn Stokes, David Williams, Joseph Beier, Loren Mongold, Harley Rice, Richard Yager and Harrison Charlson.

**Fourth Row:** Don Fleming, Jay Thomas, Bruce Brown, Melvin Anderson, William Van Bergen, Charlotte Rhinehart, Jeannette Rambo, Delores Trostle, Madelyn Samuelson, Richard Hamstrom, Edward Oswald, Joe Meyers and Lloyd Wade, Ralph Parker, Frederick Bassett, Harold Merwald, Oscar Jolly, Helen Foreman, Joyce Loar, Pauline Rhinehart, Janice Bannister, Winifred Luckey, Phyllis Parish, Rob Roy Bannister, Ronald Hendershot, Douglas Moss, David Wade and Donald Mullin.



## SEVENTH GRADE

**First Row:** Madonna Metzcus, Eileen Schults, Alberta Kosak, Delores Lis, Janet Tomisch, Mary Logdon, Betty Price, Joanna Maluvac, Carol Warner, Barbara Voight, Daniel Nicoletto, Robert Selby, James Turner, Dewayne Thomas, Milton Carlson and Donald Shirley.

**Second Row:** Gail Strain, Donna Tolliver, Bonnie McBride, Nancy Phillips, Marilyn Mahne, Doris Pruitt, Paul Record, Kenneth Peterson, Andrew Volk, Robert Scofield, Dale Thomas, Larry King, Larry Thorn, William Rhinehart and Miss Shriner, sponsor.

**Third Row:** Marilyn Schroeder, Barbara Schults, Jerry Rockstraw, Melvin Reich, Marvin Schauberger, Paul Bales, Eugene Jedynek, Donald Whelpley, Denton Weston, William Gloyecke, Lawrence Jarosak, Kenneth Wilson, Alfred Browning, Joe McCarty and Mr. Long, sponsor.

**Fourth Row:** Shirley Hardesty, Lois Cummins, Genevieve Lloyd, John Hawkins, Douglas Kersag, Lee Dean, Clare Sable, James Creasy, Michael Dixon, Shirley Ehlers, Joy Clark, Delores Crowe, Martha Goin, Jack Clem, Ralph Coker, Lynn Coslett and Don Collins.

**Fifth Row:** Dorothy Gilbert, Patricia Poole, Frankie Frum, Gerris Garrard, Thomas Brady, Donald Calvert, Donald Campbell, Robert Demmon, Jerry Carpenter, Ronald Chester, Nancy Anderson, Celia Betancourt, Russell Bible, Robert Blohm, James Blair, Thomas Marvel and David Farley.





# ACTIVITIES



## BAND

**First Row:** Allen Olson, Jeanne Werwick, Lois Johnson, Ardith Allis, Helen Foremen, Nancy Starkey, Kathleen David, Marion Comer, Jeanine Comer, secretary, Wanda Trostle and Shirley Hassell.

**Second Row:** Robert Peterson, Lois Miller, Joan Nelson, Aurelie Phillips, Virginia Cauley, Joan Smith, Madelyn Holtz, Ruth Foremen, Juanita Pitts, Bonnie Cooper, Hester Dzubek and Leon Long.

**Third Row:** Donald Fleming, Ogden Nickerson, Kenneth Wilson, Robert Ripperdan, vice-president; Wayne Olson, Carl Wells, Peter Soob, Fred Bassett, Edward Kidwell, Marvin Guernsey and Robert Scofield.

**Fourth Row:** Clifford Prentice, Charles Simonson, Charles Metzcus, Victor Hager, Linden Thorn, president; Alan Colville, William Johnson, William Haeck, Robert Mullin, George David, Oscar Jolly and Jeclyn Farry.

#### BAND RECORD

Surely one of the prides of Portage is our band, which has been state champion for four of the last six years. The forty-nine members have a long list of achievements, including concerts, contests, basketball games, school and community programs.

This spring there were eighteen members who were rated superior in the contest.

#### CHOIR

The forty-four members of the combined choir took part in the yearly spring contest and in the spring concert on March 12.

Each time the school presented a broadcast, small, picked groups from the choir went to station WIMS, in Michigan City, to add their talents to the show. The Christmas school program and broadcast, which portrayed the Christmas Story, was given by the full choir.

The octette and sextette have given special numbers at various community functions, including performances at the Legion Hut in Garyton and at Wheeler for the Pure Milk association meeting.



## CHOIR

First Row: Madelyn Holtz, pianist; Patricia Sanborn, Cari Wells, Wayne Connaway, Robert Mullens, Jack Jennings, Paul Hendersbott, Leon Long and Phyllis Marshall.

Second Row: Remona McHargue, Gladys Frum, Shirley Goin, Victor Hager, Robert Peterson, Ralph McHargue, Sue Kerses, Delores Comer, Joan Nelson, Virginia Cauley, and Nancy Starkey.

Third Row: Peggy Switzer, Louise Johnson, Marguerite Jolly, Joan Smith, Alan Colville, Virgil Crisman, William Johnson, Allen Olson, Robert Ripperdan, Wanda Trostle and Marian Hockelberg.

Fourth Row: Barbara Funkey, Carol Mascher, Charles Metzcus, William Haack, Philip Phillips, Lester Connaway, Sam Bowles, George David, Jaclyn Farry, Ruth Foreman and Shirley Hassell.





### PRESS CLUB

First Row: Dorothy Crowe, editor-in-chief; Mrs. Baird, sponsor; Jean Smith, serviceman; Pat Sanborn, prattle; Joan Smith, prattle; Norene Metzcus, art; Lois Johnson, typist; Nancy Starkey, reporter; Jeanne Warwick, typist; Lois Miller, typist.

Second Row: Delores Comer, distribution; Harriett Quick, business manager; Remona McHargue, social chairman; June Ayers, art; Marion Hockelberg, typist; Phyllis Marshall, typist; Nancye Anderson, typist; Alice Mascher, reporter.

Third Row: Don Dolan, sports; Lin Crick, features; Clyde Johnston, mimeograph; Charles Metzcus, sports; Shirley Haskell, stapler; Allen Olson, assistant editor; and Medelyn Holtz, stapler.



### SPANISH CLUB

**First Row:** Mrs. Witte, sponsor; Patricia Sanborn, vice-president; Marian Hockelberg, secretary and treasurer; George David, president; Betty Nelson, Janet Reich and Anna Russell.

**Second Row:** Edward Bigler, Juanita Pitts, Nancy Starkey, Norene Metzcus, Jeanne Warwick, June Ayers, Virginia Cauley, Nancye Anderson and Ray Gilbert.

**Third Row:** George Dougherty, Elsie Walters, Patricia Holmes, Marlene Linder, Doris Collins, Benedict Marsolek, Jack Jennings, Donald Cain, William Gilbert and Lester Connaway.



### LATIN CLUB

First Row: Hester Daubek, Jack Primich, Linden Thorn, chairman; Franklin Mullen, president; Melvin Stanton, secretary; Robert Peterson and Norma Fryer

Second Row: Arlene Predmore, Carol Anderson, Marion Comer, Charles Kimmert, William Yskovetz, Thomas Hagen, Ogden Nickerson and John Sistanich.

Third Row: Mrs. Jones, sponsor; Jeanne Warwick, Lois Johnson, David Sam, Marvin Guernsey, Joan Nelson, Barbara Funkey, Katheryn Axtell and Merle Snakenberg.

Fourth Row: Carl Wells, Carol Nickolson, Rose Carol Gibson, Agnes Skiba, Margerite Jolly, Vivian Lenburg, Louise Axtell, Carol Mascher, Sharon Smith and Eleanor Anderson.

Fifth Row: Allen Olson, Robert Mullen, Leon Long, Wayne Olson, Albert Balas, Charles Grimm, William Johnson, Edward Cmar, Richard Hallman and Edward Kidwell.



### G. A. A.

Activities during the year included tournaments in basketball, volley ball, baseball, and ping pong. There were play nights with other schools, plus a banquet for the basketball team and also one for the mothers and daughters.

The members of the board are from left to right:

First Row: Miss Bays, sponsor; Dorothy Crowe, treasurer; Phyllis Marshall, president; Ruth Foreman, vice-president; June Ayers, secretary; Miss Koelzer, sponsor

Second Row: Rhoda Nicksch, health; Remona McHargue, social manager; Nancy Starkey, basketball manager; Carol Mascher, ping-pong manager; Vivian Lenburg, baseball; Marian Hockelberg, social manager; Jeanne Warwick, track; Marilyn McHargue, volley ball; Delores Comer, bowling.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

In the spring of 1946 a committee of five persons was appointed to formulate a legislative body for the student body as a whole. The persons comprising this committee and the classes they were in at the time were: William Mullen, senior; Jerry Flynn, and Vivian Briggs, juniors; Remona McHargue and Allen Olson, sophomores; Mrs. Long, faculty advisor. After several meetings, this group laid their plans and drew up the Constitution of the Student Council which is still in use.

This constitution provides for an election in the spring of Student Council officers for the year to follow. It was at this time also, that the very first officers were elected by the Student Body. They were: President--Jerry Flynn, senior; Vice-President--Philip Phillips, junior; Secretary and Treasurer--Vivian Briggs, senior.

Yes, these people had a very difficult task. The beginning of any new organization, especially for one of such importance is always great. For it's age the Council of '46 and '47 met with considerable success.

To date the Student Council has completed it's second year. Some of the major projects completed under these people--Allen Olson, president; Jack Primich, vice-president; Remona McHargue, secretary-treasurer--were the initiating of a student court, which is not as yet entirely organized, and a constitutional plan for electing cheerleaders.

This is the story of Student Government of Portage. There is a long, hard road before the people who will further this cause, and our hats are off to those who have formed it and to those who will continue to improve it.

## STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Seated: Remona McHargue, Mrs. Long, sponsor; Marion Comer, Rob Roy Bannister, William Yakovetz, Raymond Luckey, Delores Comer and Dorothy Crowe.

Standing: Darryl Smith, Phyllis Marshall, Madelyn Holtz, Allen Olson, Franklin Mullin, Jack Primich, Kenneth Clem, Philip Phillips, George David and Milton Carlson.





## SENIOR PLAY

### "FIRE-BUG"

**Seated:** Ardit Allis, Phyllis Marshal,  
Joanne Nelson, Virginia Cauley  
Pat Donaghey, Charles Grimm.

**Standing:** Philip Phillips, Linden Thorn,  
Don Dolan, Bob Hager, Jim  
Bannister.

## THE CAST



Director



**Seated:** Harriett Quick, Dot Crowe,  
Remona McMarge, Nancye  
Anderson, June Ayers, Betty  
Phillips, Delores Comer.

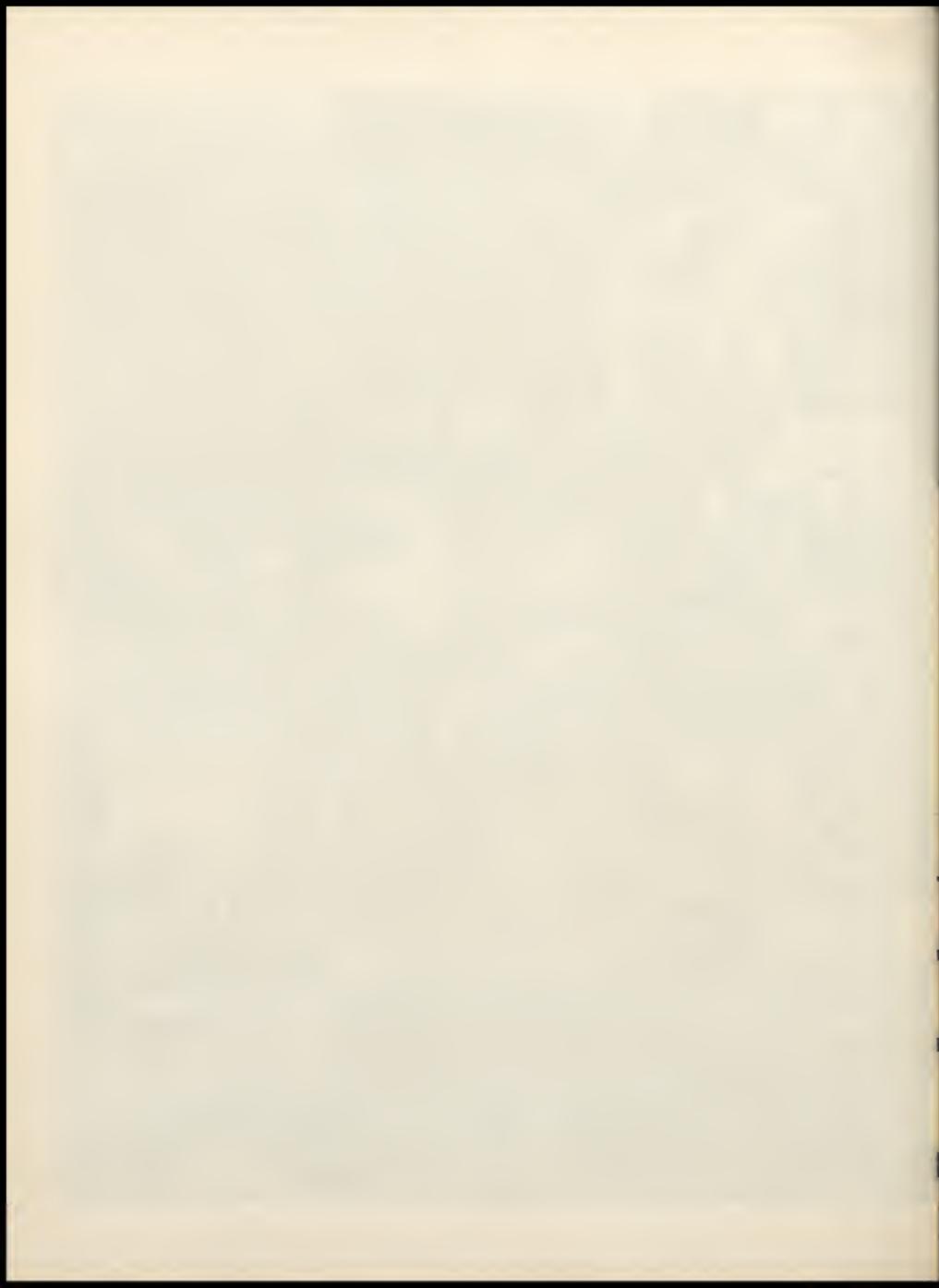
**Standing:** Anna Russell, Bob Ripperdan, Sam  
Bowles, Mr. Taylor, director;  
Kenny Clem, Clyde Johnston, Lois  
Miller.





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ATHLETICS

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

#### WE

Nov. 7--38  
 Nov. 14-30  
 Nov. 19-47  
 Nov. 21-36  
 Nov. 28-36  
 Dec. 3-50  
 Dec. 12-37  
 Dec. 17-45  
 Dec. 19-30

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#### THEY

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| Hebron       | 29 |
| Boone Grove  | 21 |
| Gary Wirt    | 34 |
| Dyer         | 38 |
| Valparaiso   | 28 |
| Chesterton   | 56 |
| Merrillville | 52 |
| Wheeler      | 28 |
| Gary Edison  | 26 |

### INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

Dec. 26-36  
 Dec. 27-44  
 Jan. 9-39  
 Jan. 13-49

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| East Chicago Roosevelt |  |
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| E. C. Roosevelt | 45 |
| Rensselaer      | 41 |
| Hobart          | 30 |
| Woodrow Wilson  | 40 |

### COUNTY TOURNEY

Jan. 22-47  
 Jan. 24-43  
 Jan. 24-40  
 Jan. 28-37  
 Jan. 30-43  
 Feb. 6-29  
 Feb. 13-47  
 Feb. 20-27

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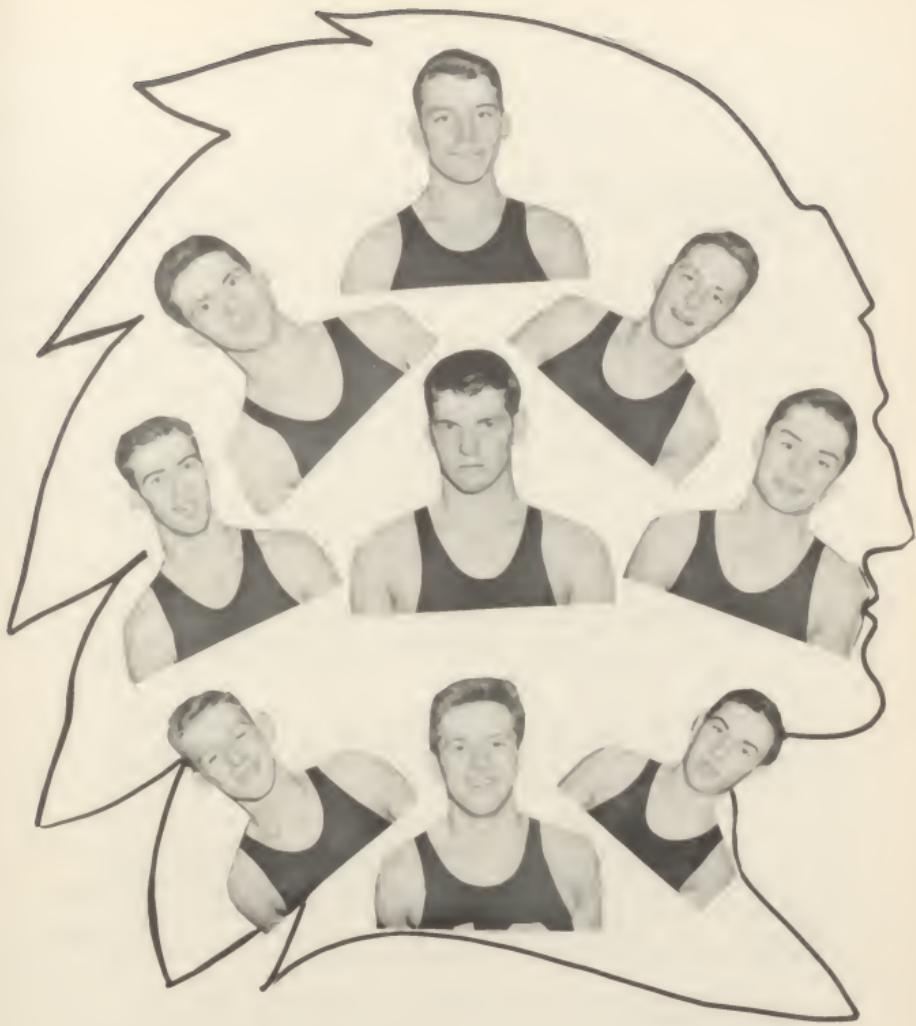
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| Kouts            | 31 |
| Liberty          | 22 |
| Hebron           | 38 |
| Crown Point      | 26 |
| Griffith         | 50 |
| East Gary Edison | 34 |
| Lowell           | 30 |
| Kouts            | 20 |

### SECTIONALS

Feb. 25-48

East Chicago  
 Roosevelt

E. C. Roosevelt 53



#### VARSITY

Top: Gene Bradford, f.

Next row: Ole Olson, g.; Donnie Moore, g.

Middle row: Bill Wilson, c.; Kenny Clem, g.; Dick Pittet, f.

Bottom row: Mel Stanton, g.; Charlie Metzcus, f.; Carl Wells, g.

## BASKETBALL

Our inexperienced Indian team made an excellent record, if one considers the competition they had. Despite the fact that our braves stepped out of their league to enter higher competition, they won fifteen games and lost seven.

The tribe's first three games brought decisive victories over Hebron, Boone Grove, and Gary Wirt. Dyer, however, whom our team met on an off night, went home with a two-point win. In the following week, our net aggregation went into it's first big time tilt of the season, upsetting the dope sheet by humbling a Valparaiso quintet for the third straight year. This triumph was short-lived, though, as both Chesterton and Merrillville had field nights by winning successive decisions from our Indians.

Back on the warpath, the tribe severely trounced Wheeler and in the same week upset Gary Edison for the first time in five years. In the East Chicago Invitational, our gang was out fought by a much larger Roosevelt five. Quite a feather added to our cap, when in the consolation final we rolled over Renssalaer, the undefeated sectional champs for two consecutive years-- and this despite the effects of a chicken banquet immediately preceding the game!

Immediately following this tourney, our Indians really went on the rampage. Before the terrific onslaught, Hobart's Brickies fell, for the first time since 1943. Four nights later our boys journeyed sixty miles to trample severely Woodrow Wilson of South Bend.

Back in local territory, the braves won three straight from Kouts, Liberty, and Hebron to defend successfully their title of hoop-kings of Porter County. Playing as only true champions can, our Indians racked up their seventh consecutive victory by completely crushing a baffled Crown Point five.

The old injury plague finally caught up with us, however, and with two of our regulars on the sidelines, Griffith and East Gary upset us. But when everything got back to normal, our tribe once again turned on the steam by rolling over a potent Lowell five and giving Coach Snider his first win over this team. A suitable finale for our Indians was the thorough shellacking our gang handed the Mustangs, our ancient and honorable rivals from Kouts.

In sectional play, with less than one minute to go, the Roosevelt quintet really had to get hot to keep little old Portage from scoring the upset of the year. After all is said and done our basketball team proved itself a real credit to old P. H. S.

#### TO OUR CHAMPIONS

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Portage five that night;  
They stood two points behind with not a minute left to fight.  
The Hebron gang had held them down and hurt two Indian men.  
Two more were out on fouls, (is that why Hebron's winning then?)

There's the horn--now a whistle--how the crowd is roaring;  
High above them in the stands the Hebron crowd is soaring.  
A Portage player now takes that ball, and panic grips his soul  
As he turns and glimpses that very distant goal.

But hark a whistle--a foul a Hebron boy has made!  
Now toward the Indian goal march Hebron's Hawks with hearts afraid  
But what to do--'tis only one--it is not enough.  
Now is the time for the coach to really show his stuff!

After not a moment's hesitation, "We'll shoot! " he cries--  
The shot is missed, and the coach has closed his eyes.  
But a Portage player holds that ball, and now he lets it go--  
And the Hebron gang is staggered by the force of that sad blow.

Oh! somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;  
And somewhere men do laugh, and hearts are gay and light.  
And that great place is Portage, the Porter County Champs,  
For they went on to win in overtime before returning to their camps.

Allen Olson



#### B TEAM

First Row: Robert Peterson, Wayne Olson, Ralph McHargue and Jack Primich.

Second Row: Victor Hager, Alan Colville, Virgil Crisman, Cortie Wilson and William Johnson.

Third Row: Mr. Taylor, coach; Charles Kimmet, student manager; William Haack, Robert Mullen, John Sistanich, student manager; and Mr. Snider, coach.

#### FRESHMEN TEAM

First Row: Patrick Murray, Eugene Hardesty, Forrest McHargue and Lawrence Brown.

Second Row: Raymond Ingram, Daniel Haxton, William Selby, David Sam and Robert Cooper.

Third Row: Mr. Taylor, coach; Verne Nelson, Donald Morris, Brian Blair, William Yakovetz and Mr. Snider, coach.



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LIBERTY  
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MARGIE  
PRISCILLE  
ROSE  
BARBIE-CRAVE  
PILGRIM  
CHEST  
WHEELER





## CROSS COUNTRY

Cross County was added to our interscholastic sport program this year. Carrying a 13 man squad, Coach Snider opened the season with a 35-43 win over Chesterton. At the Valparaiso Invitational meet, Portage finished second with 39 points; Valparaiso being first with 38. In the Hobart triangular, Portage fared poorly, finishing behind Hobart and Valparaiso. In the Lake-Porter Conference meet, the boys ran hard against stiff competition to finish fourth. The last meet of the season was the Hobart Invitational, which found Portage placing 16th in a field of 32.

With most of the squad back for next season, Cross Country prospects for the future seem good.

First Row: Cortie Wilson, William Wilson, Dick Pittet, Charles Grimm, Benedict Marsolek, Lawrence Brown and Charles Kimmel.

Second Row: Mr. Snider, Coach; Donald Moore, Melvin Stanton, Allen Olson, Jack Primich, Virgil Crisman, Sam Bolles, John Sistanich and Mr. Taylor, coach.

## BASEBALL

Portage opened the 1947 fall baseball season by dropping a 5-0 decision at Kouts. Inability to hit and inexperience afield contributed to the loss. At Liberty, the Indians, led by Kenny Clem's two home-runs, slugged out a 12-11 win over the fighting Lions. In their next venture, Portage journeyed to Jackson and humiliated the Panthers 29-3. After a 3-3 tie with Chesterton in a play-off for the North County Championship, Portage lost 7-6 to Chesterton in a hard fought battle. Portage outhit Chesterton but the breaks were against the Indians. In the season final, Portage downed Wheeler 7-0 to finish with 3 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie.

First Row: Carl Wells, Melvin Stanton, Charles Reardon, John Sistanich and Robert Peterson.

Second Row: Eugene Bradford, Charles Metzcus, Kenneth Clem and Panteley Yakovetz.

Third Row: Mr. Snider, coach; Donald Moore, Allen Olson, Arthur Blohm, Donald Dolan and Mr. Taylor, coach.





#### TRACK TEAM

First Row: Cortie Wilson, Robert Lightfoot, Ralph McHargue, Wayne Olson, Victor Hager.

Second Row: Melvin Stanton, Charles Grimm, Robert Peterson, Charles Reardon, Kenneth Clem, Allen Olson.

Third Row: Dean Snider, coach; Eugene Bradford, William Wilson, Charles Metzcus, Virgil Chrisman, William Johnson, Richard Pittet, John Sistanich, student manager; Melvin Taylor, coach.



SCHOOL FUN





# WAY BACK WHEN

→ SAM  
(Joie Blond)



JUNIE  
(DARK EYES)



MARION  
(BEGONE)



PAT  
(SHORTY)



PHYLLIS  
(STUBBY)



URM  
(HOT LIPS)



DON  
(KILLER)



RAY  
(LUCKY!)



REMONA  
(ROUGH)

JOANNE  
(GYPSY)



BENNY  
(GOOOO)



HARRIETT  
(SHINE)



DOROTHY  
(PROTECTION)



LESTER  
(SPEEDY)



RHODA  
(MUSCLES)



KENNY  
(TRIGGA)



HAGER  
(SUNSHINE)



DO-DO  
(BO-BO)



ARDITH  
(CURLY)



LOIS JOHNSTON  
(BASHFUL)



ANNA  
(SMILEY!)



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EDDIE  
(BIG BOY)



JEANNE  
(BOTTOM SIDE UP)



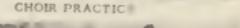
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PHIL  
(ON THE RIDE)



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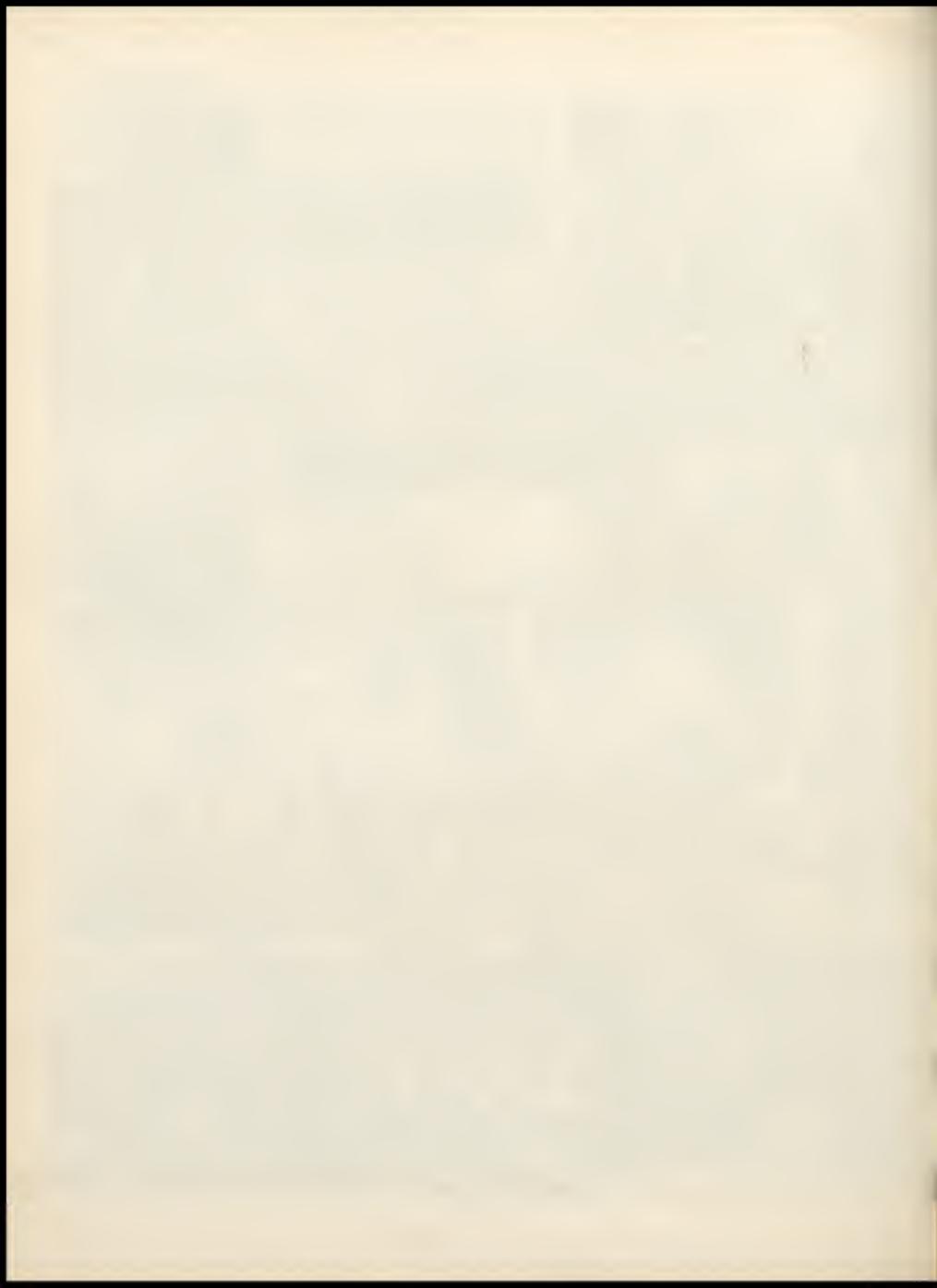


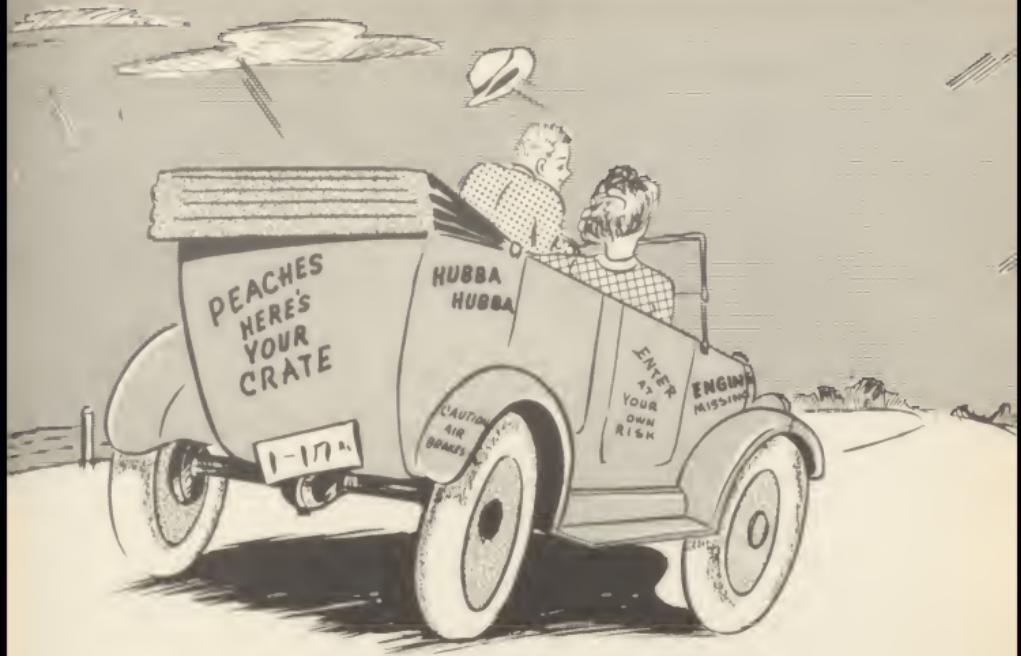
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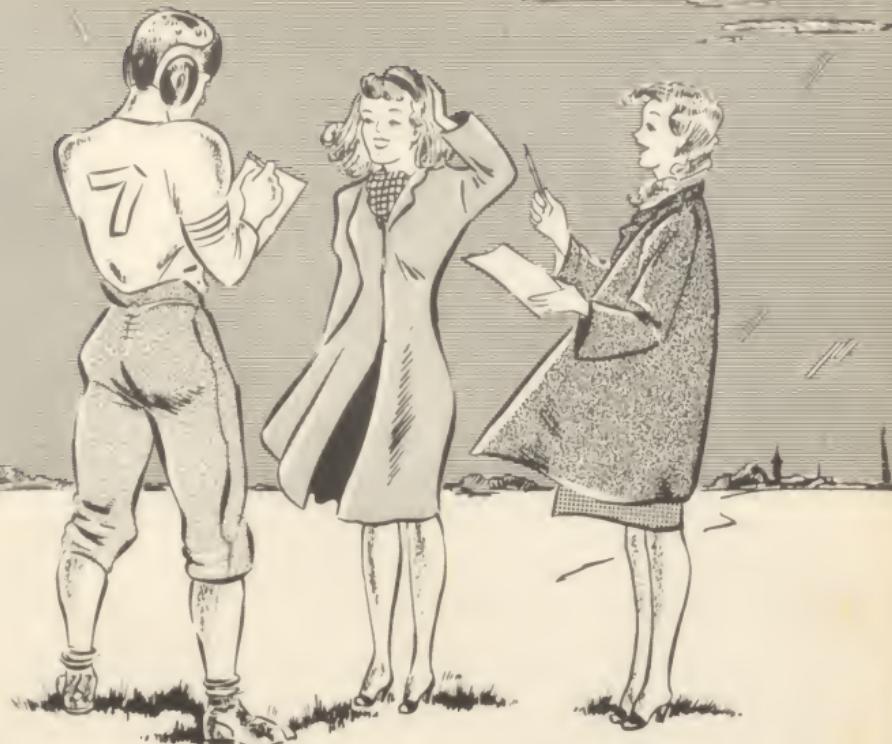
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